

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A linking element for a spinal fixing system is designed to link at least two implantable connecting assemblies. The linking element ~~consists of~~ is formed at least partly of a support made of polymeric material and ~~a rod~~ of two rods with a first rod, bent or not, substantially coaxial with the support, and a second rod formed of turns surrounding the first rod with the turns being at least partly embedded in the support. ~~The invention also concerns a~~ A spinal fixing system ~~comprising~~ has at least two implantable connecting assemblies linked by at least one linking element ~~of the invention.~~